

To anyone, I would welcome their comments. Anyone who has any suggestions, I would welcome them, because, in the end, this is an exposition of what I hope to be a rough outline of a coherent plan. Not having possession of the absolute truth more than anyone else, I would like to know what other people think, because at this time in our nation's history we are not Republicans, we are not Democrats, we are not ideologues, we are all Americans. So let us see what we can come up with, and, as we always have, we will win.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of attending the visitation for Staff Sergeant Tony B. Olaes, USA, who was killed September 20, 2004, in Shkin, Afghanistan.

Mr. BOEHLERT (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of heart surgery.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RYAN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DICKS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STUPAK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DELAHUNT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. COLE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. COLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reports that on September 24, 2004, he presented to the President of the

United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 265. To provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1521. To provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1616. To authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1648. To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District.

H.R. 1658. To amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1732. To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2696. To establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West.

H.R. 3209. To amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project.

H.R. 3249. To extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee.

H.R. 3768. To expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 29, 2004, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9786. A letter from the Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); to the Committee on Appropriations.

9787. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislative Division, Office of the Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular No. A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities," a cost comparison to reduce the cost of the Base Operating Support function at March Air Reserve Base (ARB), California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9788. A letter from the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower and Personnel), Department of Defense, transmitting noti-

cation of a decision to implement performance by the Most Efficient Organization (MEO) for the Pacific Northwest Facilities Management in Silverdale, WA (initiative number NC20000653); to the Committee on Armed Services.

9789. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (Materiel and Facilities), Department of Defense, transmitting the annual National Guard and Reserve Equipment Report (NGRER) for fiscal year (FY) 2005, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 10541; to the Committee on Armed Services.

9790. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled "Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Annual Report 2002," pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5617 and 42 U.S.C. 5601; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

9791. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Annual Report on the Developmental Disabilities Programs for Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15005 Public Law 106-402, section 105; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

9792. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 08-04 to inform of an intent to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the United States and Australia for Cooperative Development, Production, and Support of the Combat Control System (CCS) ANBYG-1 Tactical Subsystem, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9793. A letter from the Director, International Cooperation, Department of Defense, transmitting a copy of Transmittal No. 07-04 which informs of an intent to sign a Project Agreement between the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for Plague Vaccine Acquisition, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

9794. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Norway (Transmittal No. DDTC 071-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9795. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Israel (Transmittal No. DDTC 062-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9796. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to Kazakhstan (Transmittal No. DDTC 064-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9797. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to the United Kingdom (Transmittal No. DDTC 060-04), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9798. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a